

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid composition, comprising:
a solute containing an organic function material;
a solvent; and
a metal deactivator with a solubility parameter in the range of 7.0 to ~~13.0~~13.0,
and in a range of 0.1 to 10 percent by weight relative to ~~a functional element~~the organic
functional material; and
the metal deactivator containing at least one of a triazole compound and a
hydrazide compound.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The liquid composition according to claim ~~2~~1, the
organic functional material containing a luminescent material.
4. (Currently Amended) The liquid composition according to claim ~~2~~1, the
organic functional material being a macromolecule.
5. (Currently Amended) The liquid composition according to claim ~~2~~1, the
organic functional material being a constituent of an organic electroluminescent element.
6. (Original) The liquid composition according to claim 5, the constituent of the
organic electroluminescent element containing an organic electroluminescent material.
7. (Currently Amended) The liquid composition according to claim 5, the
constituent of ~~an~~the organic electroluminescent element containing a hole injection material.
8. (Original) The liquid composition according to claim 1, the metal deactivator
being transparent or semitransparent.
9. (Original) The liquid composition according to claim 8, the metal deactivator

being colorless.

10. (Original) The liquid composition according to claim 1, the metal deactivator having a high solubility or dispersibility in the solute, and having a high solubility or dispersibility in the solvent.

11-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An electro-optic device comprising:
~~a functional element~~an organic functional material containing a metal deactivator with a solubility parameter in the range of 7.0 to 13.0, and in a range of 0.1 to 10 percent by weight relative to ~~the functional element~~the organic functional material.

19. (Currently Amended) An electro-optic device comprising:
~~a functional element~~an organic functional material; and
a metal deactivating layer containing a metal deactivator, with a solubility parameter in the range of 7.0 to 13.0, and in a range of 0.1 to 10 percent by weight relative to ~~the functional element, on the functional element~~the organic functional material, on the organic functional material.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The electro-optical device according to ~~claim 20, the functional element being a luminescent material~~claim 18, the organic functional material being a luminescent material.

22-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device, comprising:
a plurality of material layers, at least one containing a metal deactivator with a solubility parameter in the range of 7.0 to 13.0, and in a range of 0.1 to 10 percent by weight relative to ~~a functional element~~an organic functional material.

28. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 27, the

metal deactivator being contained in a luminescent layer, which is one of the material layers of the organic electroluminescent device.

29. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device, comprising:
a plurality of material layers; and ~~an~~
an antioxidant layer containing a metal deactivator, with a solubility parameter
in the range of 7.0 to 13.0, and in a range of 0.1 to 10 percent by weight relative to a
~~functional element~~an organic functional material, between ~~predetermined two~~two
predetermined layers of the material layers.

30-33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) A device formed using the liquid composition described in claim 1.

35-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) An electronic apparatus, comprising:
the film forming apparatus described in claim 18.

38. (Original) An electronic apparatus, comprising:
the organic electroluminescent device described in claim 27.